

Social Security at a Glance

Below is a quick reference with the most current data for Social Security beneficiaries and SSI recipients. More complete data can be found in the Current Operating Statistics section.

OASDI

Benefits and beneficiaries—January 2000

Number of beneficiaries	44.5 million
Retired workers, spouses, and children	30.9 million
Retired workers	27.7 million
Survivors of deceased workers	7.0 million
Disabled workers, spouses, and children	6.5 million
Disabled workers	4.9 million
Aged 65 or older	32.0 million

Average monthly benefit for—	Benefits	Awards
Retired workers	\$804	\$847
Disabled workers	754	797
Nondisabled widow(er)s	775	734
Children of deceased workers	528	565

Earnings amounts in 1999

Maximum taxable earnings	
Social Security	\$72,600
Medicare	No limit ¹
Earnings required for work credits (quarters of coverage)	
One work credit	\$740
Maximum of four work credits per year	\$2,960
Earnings test exempt amounts	
Under age 65	\$9,600 (\$800 monthly)
Aged 65-69	\$15,504 (\$1,292 monthly)

¹The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 repealed the dollar limit on wages and self-employment income subject to the Medicare Hospital Insurance tax, effective January 1, 1994.

SSI

Number of persons receiving SSI and payment amounts

Category	Federally administered payments (December 1999)		Recipients of State-administered payments (September 1999)
	Number	Average payment ¹	
All recipients	6.6 million	\$369	672 thousand
Aged	1.3 million	289	139 thousand
Blind	79 thousand	402	5 thousand
Disabled	5.2 million	388	319 thousand
Aged 65 or older	2.0 million	293	...

Federal payment, 2000 (for persons in their own household, no other countable income)

Individual	\$512
Couple (both eligible)	769

¹Excludes retroactive payments.